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Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR AUTOMATED DATA STORAGE AND RETRIEVAL
Art Unit: 2771
Docket: 250591.90112

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington DC 20231

Box: Non-fee Amendment

Dear Sir:

In response to the Patent Office Action dated January 24, 2003, please consider the following remarks.

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION AND PRELIMINARY REMARKS

The above referenced Office Action has been carefully reviewed and reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Applicant would like to make sure that the Examiner consider the prior art references includes in the Information Disclosure Statement submitted herewith that have not been previously submitted in this case prior to allowing the claims in this case.

Although not submitted herewith, Applicant will submit a Terminal Disclaimer regarding claims 20 and 21 after the claims are considered in light of the newly cited references.

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Applicant notes that the filing date of the present application is 2/10/99 and not 5/3/99 as indicated on recent documents received from the Patent Office.

Applicant requests that the Patent Office records be altered to recognize this error, that future correspondence indicate the correct filing date and that, if the Applicant has to do something to correct the error, the Examiner please advise.

Applicant still believes that claims 1-19 and 22-43 of the present application recited patentable subject matter and allowance of the same is requested. In addition, as indicated above, Applicant intends to file a Terminal Disclaimer with respect to claims 20 and 21.

No fee in addition to the fees already authorized in this and accompanying documentation is believed to be required to enter this amendment, however, if an additional fee is required, please charge Deposit Account No. 17-0055 in the amount of the fee.

Respectfully submitted,

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